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These homes off of River Road are using the tin foil technique to combat the gypsy moth infestation. The Cooperative Extension Service says this helps fight the invaders, but insecticides are far and away the best method. Photo by Jack Devine.

Gypsy Moth Invasion Begins

They may feed on a wide variety of trees and shrubs, but oak, willow, linden, apple and larch are favored.

Many trees in many yards throughout the community are glittering in tin foil as a means to combat the 2 inch invaders.

The gypsy moth, the most hated pest in the warm weather since the mosquito, is, according to the Cooperative Extension Service of Hampden County, well on its way to being worse this year than last.

Despite the many home remedies such as smearing goeey vasoline on the trees, which in the long run, will only create more difficulties for the homeowners, and wrapping tin foil around the trees to keep the little terrors from crawling to their meal, pesticides seems to be the best bet.

Routinely the larger catipillars crawl down the tree trunk during the day and crawl back up again at night. This allows some of them to be captured if folded burlap is wrapped around the tree trunk for a trapping place.

However, the results may be psychological at best. Scraping the tree bark of the eggs and allowing them to remain on the ground does little good.

This dark brown monster can be controlled by using some insecticides available locally are: **Bactillus Thuringiensis (BT)** - is a microbial insecticide that is non-toxic and non-pathogenic to man and warm blooded animals, fish, and honeybees, but is capable of inducing fatal disease to the caterpillars.

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Acephate (Orethene) - an organic phosphate-type insecticide, is registered for use and is effective against a wide range of insects on vegetables, ornamentals and flowers. It has low volatility which extends the time it remains lethal to insects, for a period of 10 - 15 days.

A point that should be stressed is to read the labels on all insecticides since they are poisonous.

Typically, a population build up for three or four years of the caterpillars will occur and, by then, the abundant caterpillars are so stressed by competition for food that, when weather conditions are hot and humid, they succumb to a virus disease.

Severe infestation usually results in partial defoliation of conifers (evergreens) as well as other tasty morsel for the pests. Forests, unless sprayed, are at the caterpillars mercy.

Residents throughout the community, after experiencing the trials and tribulation of last spring and summer, seem to be better prepared for this year's battle of the forest.

Custodian Increases Tabled

By Joanne Brown

Approval of new rental rates and custodians' fees for use of school buildings hit a snag Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the School Committee. The rates and fees had been scheduled for the third reading, but instead were tabled until such time as Town Council completes its budget discussions.

Agawam Athletic Association President Gerald Mason addressed the committee during the Citizen Speak Time, questioning them on the proposed hike to \$10.50 per hour for custodians' fees.

Mason explained that the elimination of the Parks and Recreation Department included as part of the town budget would also eliminate over \$20,000 that the town has previously granted his organization. This money was allocated principally for custodians' fees and referees' pay.

"Without town funding, the AAA is going to have to come up with all that extra money in addition to what we normally raise for uniforms and equipment," Mason said. "The likelihood of our raising that kind of money is slim, and we'll probably have to go out of existence."

Mason appealed to the committee to consider seriously the proposed hike in custodians' fees.

Business Manager James Coon told board members that the schools had been charging \$6.25 per hour to anyone they billed, but the custodians were actually paid at their normal overtime rate. He explained that they are currently negotiating a new contract in which the average rate of overtime should be around \$10.

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Proposal Made For Planning Council

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Manager Richard J. Bowen has proposed creating a planning and development council to improve communication between Town Council and the various boards concerned with problems of development here.

The move is one of several proposals Bowen has made to correct the town's growth problems.

The new council, which does not have to be formally sanctioned by Town Council, would be composed of the chairmen of the Conservation Commission Planning Board, Health Board, and the Town Manager.

"The principal purpose of this group is to advise the council on matters of land development activity," Bowen said. "The key to its success lies in the new group's ability to list items for discussion and bring them before the council," he added.

Bowen, at a council workshop Monday night, also said the group would not have any statutory authority but would simply be a vehicle for legitimate concerns over development to be expressed.

He pointed out that he has seen similar groups function on a low-key basis in other communities, such as Wareham, Mass. and Portsmouth, New Hampshire where he has served as manager.

According to Bowen, the group would be formed some time in the summer or early fall.

His proposal follows his move to create a Community Development Office and his recommendation that the town adopt a new Master Plan.

Council President Paul Fieldstad remarked that problems of development in town stem from failure to comply with existing zoning by-laws. He said he hoped Bowen's proposals would "put teeth into our zoning laws so that what you pass is what you get."

Members of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission who were present at the meeting also voiced support for Bowen's idea.

Bowen's proposal to create the position of full-time planner has already been endorsed by the council in their budget sessions. When asked by Conservation Commission Chairman Anthony Liquori what the role of the new planner would be, Bowen stated that the job would involve both grantsmanship work as well as resource work.

He stipulated that various boards, he hoped, would provide input into the selection of the individual in order to insure future communication.

He elaborated today on the position, saying he did not wish to see the planner act as a "technocrat."

"The real value of the planner will be determined in how successful he/she is in becoming a resource person," he said.

"I think it should be clear that we don't want this community planned by technocrats, but rather we want to reach out into this community and ask people, what they think."

"In the final analysis it is the people of Agawam, not me or a town planner who will decide what the future for development in town is going to be," Bowen concluded.

**Steve Gazillo's Popular
"On Local Politics"
Discusses Lobbying.
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Balboni Scores Fieldstad For 'Not Carrying Out Commitment'

By Joanne Brown

School Committee Chairman Walter Balboni has criticized Town Council President Paul Fieldstad for "not carrying through on his commitment to us." Balboni's remarks were in reference to the failure of Fieldstad to notify members of the School Board that their budget was to be discussed at last Monday's council meeting.

"On March 2, I received a letter from Fieldstad assuring me that he would notify us when our budget was to be discussed," Balboni stated. "I am quite put out because we heard about it only Monday afternoon through the grapevine."

Colleague Venetta Snyder also spoke out sharply against the slight, citing past courtesy extended between the two governmental bodies.

"We are duly elected representatives of the people of Agawam unlike any other department in town," Mrs. Snyder pointed out. "We have always been consulted on our budget and given councilors the benefit of our knowledge in this area."

At the Monday council meeting, Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert was allowed to speak briefly in defense of his budget, but no dialogue with board members was permitted.

Council Ties On School Budget Vote

The meeting which aroused this controversy ended in a 7-7 tie vote on the proposed \$7,433,599 school budget. Councilor Frederick Nardi was absent.

Councilor Andrew Gallano, a member of the council's subcommittee on the school budget, reversed his support of the subcommittee's recommendations for cuts in the school budget between \$113,000 and \$153,000.

In a surprise move, Gallano made a motion to accept the budget intact. He justified his move by saying, "We're not voting on the fees [rubbish, ambulance, and burglar alarm] and we're not acting on the school budget. We've got to move one way or the other."

Gallano's previous requests to vote on Town Manager Bowen's proposed fees prior to discussing the school budget were denied. Bowen indicated at the meeting that if these fees were passed, the overall

budget would "for all intents and purposes be in balance" without having to cut the school budget.

Several Amendments Suggested

An amendment to Gallano's motion calling for \$113,000 in cuts was sponsored by School Budget Subcommittee Chairman William Herd. Herd had presented the key points of his subcommittee recommendations, commenting that cuts of between \$113,000 and \$153,000 would "minimize drastic results in the School Department as much as possible, but would not impair effectiveness." The motion was defeated 8-6.

Herd later moved to cut the school budget by \$70,000, a figure which would compensate for the amount the overall budget still has to account for. A 7-7 tie defeated this motion.

Town Manager Bowen remarked that if the school budget passes as proposed and the fees he has asked for do not pass, the town budget would have to be cut by \$400,000. "I tell you bluntly that would emasculate the town, and I won't be a part of it," Bowen declared.

Councilor Richard Theroux, who has steadily supported the school budget intact, made a plea for more input from townspeople on how they want their councilors to act. "We need to know where Agawam citizens hold their priorities," Theroux said before an audience of over 100 people, predominantly teachers.

Prior to the council's voting, Mrs. Rene Piccoli, representing the newly-formed PTO Council, presented over 1200 signatures from parents who support the school budget with no further cuts.

The vote on the budget as proposed with no further cuts resulted in a 7-7 tie. Voting was done in a roll call method following Theroux' insistence.

Voting in favor were councilors Cincotta, Colli, DeForge, Gallano, Paleologopoulos, Rheault, and Theroux. Voting against were Bartnik, Bonavita, Fieldstad, Herd, Kerr, Serra, and Trehey.

This item was to be again discussed following the completion of the remainder of the town budget deliberations last Wednesday evening.

News Analysis

School Budget Swirls In Pool Of Politics

By Stephen Gazillo

Monday night's budget review session of Town Council did not tell us what the Agawam Schools will be allowed to spend next year, but according to Council President Paul Fieldstad, it was "a hell of a lesson in politics."

Swirling Debate

A crowd of over 100 teachers, parents, and school administrators - there to protest reductions in the school budget - watched a swirling hour and a half debate over the proposed \$7.43 million school budget fail to reach a decisive conclusion.

In the end, it was political maneuvering and factionalism on the council that made the difference.

Action on the school budget, with the stage set by the packed community room and the presentation of 1,208 petitions in support of Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert's educational programs, began unexpectedly with a motion by Councilor Andrew C. Gallano to vote on ambulance, rubbish, and security alarm fees.

Gallano argued that without passage of the fees, which account for \$320,000 in the town budget, any action on the school budget would be premature because the council could not determine what the town's income for next year would be.

His remarks echoed the continuing debate among councilors on procedural matters during their budget sessions.

Councilor Richard Theroux retaliated that Gallano's motion could not be acted upon in a workshop session, and that any decision on the fees would have to be taken up at a regular council meeting.

Instead, Theroux pushed School Budget Committee Chairman William Herd to read portions of the committee's report on the school budget, which recommends that the school budget be reduced by at least \$113,000.

Theroux then criticized the report for its lack of direction, arguing that it did not indicate what kind of impact cuts in the school budget would have.

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Swirling Politics - From Page 2

Gallano, stating that an impasse was reached, dropped a bombshell when he moved that the council should adopt the school budget as approved by the School Committee.

Herd Startled

That move startled Herd.

"I was taken back by Gallano's motion to accept the school budget as submitted, which is contrary to the recommendation of the subcommittee he is a part of," Herd later said.

"He had agreed to the recommendation. It might have been a good personal political stance for him to take, but it leaves me as chairman of the committee questioning his credibility as a committee member," he stated.

Gallano's motion went through a series of amendments, all of which were defeated, before it finally ended up going down on a tie 7-7 vote.

Gallano said he made his motion to approve the school budget as proposed because on one else was acting on it.

"All I did was move exactly what was in the budget of the Town Manager. They had the opportunity to reduce that figure by making amendments to my mo-

tion," Gallano said. "My position would have been the same whether these were people in the audience or not," he commented.

Councilor Richard Theroux, observing that a voice vote on the amendments made it unclear how councilors were voting, called upon the council to have a roll-call vote for each amendment. His move led to at least one councilor to switch his vote from favoring a reduction to supporting the budget.

Fieldstad said today the council has placed itself in an embarrassing situation by not deciding to act upon the proposed fee increases first. "I don't understand their logic," he said.

"The council has put itself in a position now, whether or not the fees are good, where they may be forced to approve them or be placed in an embarrassing situation of having endorsed a budget that they refuse to fund," he added. He said he does not believe the fees will pass when the council finally votes on them.

Theroux commented today that "if the fees are not approved, we'll have to cut into the educational budget, and there's going to be no way around it."

For Senior Citizens...

New Beginnings

By Rita White



I hope all you mothers out there (in fact and in spirit) all had a lovely Mother's Day. When we talk about "New Beginnings", becoming a mother is certainly a new beginning, just as becoming a grandmother is a new beginning.

As grandmother you really have so much to offer to both your children and your grandchildren. You have your experience to share with your children and the assurance to give them that they will survive parenthood just as you did. And what wonderful things you have to give you grandchildren.

You lived in days that they can only read about, had experiences that they will never have and you can tell them things about their parents' childhoods that will let them know their parents are human. I hope all of you enjoy being grandparents.

If you are unfortunate enough not to have grandchildren of your own, there are plenty of children who also don't have grandparents. You might consider becoming an adopted grandparent. It's a proven fact that you will receive as much from the experience as you will give.

The Senior Center celebrated Mother's Day in high style. Luncheon on Friday, May 8th was dedicated to the mothers and there was a party after. Awards went out to: the oldest mother present, **Annie Racheck, age 87**; the oldest resident of Agawam present, **Edith Gates**; the one who came the furthest distance to come to this country, **Rose Kalajan**; the one with the longest name, **Mrs. Haudenreiser**; the shortest name, **Mrs. Doy**; the most grandchildren, **Mary Stocklen** with 25 grandchildren, and also the most great-grandchildren, 26; the earliest member of the Center was **Mrs. Caralea**.

The winner in the alley-cat contest was **Alice Skauzza** and the slow waltz was won by **Mr. and Mrs. Arnold**. All in all, I think everyone had a really good time. Hope you were there to enjoy it. If not, be sure and make the next happy time.

The Senior Center is planning a trip to Hampden Beach on June 30th. The trip will cost \$11.00 and you will be responsible for your own lunch. The Center is taking reservations now and if past experience holds true, you had better hurry and get yours in because all these trips fill up pretty fast.

Lunch at the Center sounds good next week: Monday, **beans and franks**; Tuesday, **hamburgers with onion sauce**; Wednesday, **chicken croquettes**; Thursday, **ham**; Friday, **clam chowder**.

We have one happy birthday this week. Best wishes go out to **Rose Kalajan** who turned 76 on May 5th. Many more Rose.

A lot of Seniors went on the bus trip to Salem. Lunch was at the King Grant Inn and they got to see a magic show. I hear that everyone had a really super time. Everyone's thanks go out to **Marge Bordon** who was in charge.

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School Meeting - From Page 1

Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert said he could not foresee the AAA having to eliminate all programs. "We've had to cut back our sports program considerably, and they would probably have to do the same, but there are certain programs now in existence that can continue to run exactly the same with no additional costs," Hebert said.

He cited the present Parks and Rec-sponsored baton program which services over 300 schoolchildren immediately after school ends for the day. "If the AA takes over this baton program, as it's currently operated, there would be no custodian fee since the classes end before 5 p.m. when overtime would come into effect," Hebert stated.

Mrs. Roberta Doering moved to table the third reading on new rates until Town Council completes its budget deliberations. The motion passed 4-2, with Borgatti and Mrs. Snyder opposed and Ennis absent.

In other sports related decisions, the committee voted 6-0 to allow only interscholastic high school sports and gym classes to use the new fields at Agawam High. They expressed concern that turf build-up was being hindered with so many other games being played on those fields.

Action On AEA Requests

The committee also voted in executive session to deny the Agawam Education Association grievance on the language of the "pink slip" letter sent to 106 teachers. The association is protesting the use of the word *dismiss* rather than their contract term *layoff*. They fear possible loss of tenure and seniority rights due to the use of the word *dismiss* in the event of recall.

AEA President Peter Lowrey after the decision stated that they would now take the grievance to the American Arbitration Board.

"Several communities have used the term *layoff* and we think Agawam could also, especially since it's the word they agreed to when they negotiated our contract," Lowrey explained.

Hebert and board members insist they must use the term *dismiss* as required by state law.

The AEA also withdrew its plan for an Early Retirement Incentive program. According to Lowrey, Hebert had insisted on a guaranteed number of retirees built into the language of the proposal, a guarantee the AEA could not give.

"We don't know for sure who will retire until we have an incentive program to entice them with," Lowrey said. "Guaranteeing names before arranging for a plan just can't work."

Lowrey declared he hopes this type of plan can be included as part of new contract negotiation scheduled to begin this fall.

Post Office Offers Mailbox Week

Among the many things that springtime brings to mind is spring cleaning, and Postmaster Joseph P. Dahdah of Feeding Hills has a reminder to include your mailbox in this annual spring rite.

Mailbox Improvement Week, May 18-23, provides the perfect opportunity to clean, repair, repaint or replace your mailbox.

Neat, attractive mailboxes add to the overall appearance of the community and aid in the delivery of mail," the Postmaster said.

Boxes should be within easy reach for letter carriers. On rural routes, the carrier must have access to the box without leaving his vehicle. Mailboxes on rural routes must be located on the right hand side of the road in the direction travelled by the carrier, the Postmaster said.

"Rain or snow leaking into the mailbox could ruin the special letter; so box seams should be tight to prevent the loss or damage of mail placed in the box," he said.

Box numbers and house numbers should be clearly visible on the box, but including the owner's name is optional.

All mailboxes, must meet certain requirements for size, strength, safety and location. These guidelines are available from the local post office, Postmaster Dahdah said.

New Wall Paper Showplace To Open



Walnut Street Extension last week was graced with its newest merchant, specializing in all your wall paper and interior decorating needs. Store officials include, from left, Steve Witkowski, Bob Marulli, Alan Pratte, Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, representing the town, and Barbara Canata. Photo by Jack Devine.

CEA Slates Meeting

The Childbirth Education Association of Greater Springfield will hold its annual meeting on Monday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Providence Hospital auditorium. The business meeting will begin at 7:00.

During the business meeting, voting for new officers will take place. Following that, Richard Rombeletti from the Osborn Clinic will speak on fathering from before the birth of the child and on.

The meeting is open to the public and free of charge.

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Memorial Day Services & Parade

Memorial Day services and parade will be held in Agawam on May 24 and 25. On May 24th, church services will take place at Valley Community Church on South Westfield Street at 10 a.m. The parade and memorial services will be held on Monday, May 25.

Cemetery services will be held at Agawam Center Cemetery, opposite St. John's Church on Main Street, and at Springfield Street Cemetery, opposite Sacred Heart Church. Both services will begin at 9 a.m.

World War I memorial services will be at the W.W.I Memorial on Springfield Street at 10 a.m. The parade will begin from that point and the American Legion on Springfield Street at 10:30 a.m.

The public is invited to attend all services.

Elm Lodge Plans Auction

The Elm Boosters Association will hold its third annual auction at the Old Center Library, 733 Main Street, Agawam, on Saturday, May 16. Auction time will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a preview available at 9 a.m.

Antique furniture and 100's of other items will go up for bid. Live plants will be on sale and refreshments will be available.

On Sunday, May 17th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a tag sale for leftover articles.

Both events will benefit the Elm Lodge of Masons Building Fund.

Volunteers Thanked

Susan Nardi, chairman of the House-to-House Collection for Cancer Control Research, extends thanks to all the volunteers who have helped the 1981 American Cancer Society crusade in Agawam.

In expressing her thanks, she stated, "Without volunteer support and the donations from the citizens, we could not continue this lifesaving program."

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Thursday, May 21
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Local Couple Weds

Cynthia Ellen Ayre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ayre of 38 Albert Street, Agawam, and James Robert Krolicki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krolicki of 28 Memorial Drive, Feeding Hills, were wed on May 1, 1981. The ceremony took place at St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, in a candlelight ceremony presided over by Rev. Philip Gallerani.

Marilyn Perrault served as maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Kathy Ayre, Linda Ayre Hadden, Jennifer Ayre, and Lori Krolicki. Kelly Liard acted as flower girl.

Dan Kozikowski served as best man, and Tim Ayre, Robert Hadden, Sal Morassi, and Thomas Liard were ushers.

A reception at Old Storowton Tavern Barn followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College. She is employed by Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The groom is also a graduate of Agawam High School and is employed by Rexnord Chain.

The couple will reside in Holyoke.



Mrs. Lisa Jean Rhodes

Lisa Losito Weds Scott Rhodes

The marriage of Lisa Jean Losito to Scott Elliot Rhodes took place on Saturday, May 9, 1981, at the Agawam Congregational Church. The Reverend Floyd Bryan and Father Paul Burns concelebrated the mass.

A reception at the Elmcrest Country Club, East Longmeadow, immediately followed the ceremony.

Acting as matron of honor was Sandra Bailey, sister of the bride, and assuming duties of best man was Michael Burns.

Bridesmaids were Casey Ferguson, Dawn Hersey, Penny Dubuc, Donna Rhodes, and Mae Thompson. Jessica Bailey was flowergirl.

Ushers were Michael Losito, Rob Hersey, Russ Rhodes, David Rhodes, and Ken Thompson. Leo Bailey acted as head usher, and James Bailey was ringbearer. Jeremy and Joshua Bailey acted as escorts.

The couple will reside in Holyoke after a honeymoon trip to Florida.

Juniors Plan Coffee Hour

A membership coffee hour for the Agawam Junior Women's club will be held on May 28th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Couchon, 16 Kimberly Circle, Feeding Hills.

Members of the club would like to invite any interested women to attend this relaxing evening and learn more about "Those Juniors" of the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

Receiving the Good Citizenship Award (Civitan) from Agawam High School this year was senior SHARON STEFANIK, daughter of PEARL & JIM STEFANIK of 54 Stanley Place, Agawam. At an awards luncheon held on Wednesday, May 6th at Lido's Restaurant in Springfield, Sharon and deserving seniors from 10 area towns were honored.

The Civitan Award is given to young men and women based upon the following criteria: faithful application and at least average grades in all subjects, participation in extra curricular activities, high degree of cooperation in the entire school program, and high standing in moral integrity. Anyone who knows Sharon knows she meets these requirements.

Not only does she get along well with teachers and students alike, but she is a member of the National Honor Society, captain of the school's color guard, yearbook assistant editor, and a flutist in the school band as well.

She has also been active in the French Club and on the Prom Committee. Yet, Sharon was "shocked" that she was chosen. "I don't know how they picked me," she added.

Actually the teachers nominate the senior student who, in their opinion, best exemplifies the above criteria and Sharon's name simply kept coming up.

Sharon plans to attend North Adams State College next fall and major in computer science. The seventeen-year-old student, while maintaining very good grades, also works part-time at Heritage Hall Nursing Home to help reach her goals.

Accompanying Sharon to the awards luncheon were LOUIS J. HEBERT, Superintendent of Schools, and JOHN MORRISSEY, Acting Principal of Agawam High. Each award recipient was presented an American Heritage dictionary with the individual's name inscribed in gold on the cover.

DOUGLAS R. BORGATTI, son of MR. & MRS. RICHARD F. BORGATTI of 179 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, will graduate from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana this Sunday and will be receiving his Ph.D in Civil Engineering (Environmental Health Engineering). His doctoral thesis has been published in book form, and a copy will remain in the Notre Dame Library.

Doug, a 1970 Agawam High graduate, obtained his Masters Degree in Civil Engineering from Manhattan College in New York City and his Bachelors Degree in Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester.

He is presently employed as the Process Control Engineer for the Newark, New Jersey Wastewater Facility and is living in Little Falls, New Jersey. Best wishes for future success, Doug!

If you like to gamble, why not do it for a good cause? HELEN BENJAMIN of 355 Springfield Street did and it sure paid off for her! On April 30th, at the conclusion of 20 consecutive weeks, during which participants invested \$1.00 weekly and smaller cash awards were given out, Helen was the happy recipient of the \$1,000 drawing. Helen is the third \$1,000 winner since the Sacred Heart Church began its "20/20" Club" lottery program over a year ago.

The cash lottery was set up to provide funds for church projects which would otherwise not be affordable. The last item purchased with lottery funds was the stage for the Parish Center which will allow the Center to be opened up to many more events. Just recently, in fact, Father Joseph Flood wrote, produced, and directed a production in which CCD students acted out biblical scenes leading up to the Crucifixion. The audience was reportedly spellbound.

In the meantime, lottery participant Helen Benjamin has some unexpected cash to help her get necessary repair work done on her car. Many others have received one of the weekly prizes of \$100, \$50, or \$25. Helen, in fact, is a two-time winner. She also won \$25 one of her first weeks in the program.

A baby girl was born on May 6th to SHARON & GARY BUYNICKI of 216 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Their first child, JACLYN LEE weighed in at 8 pounds even and measured 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents of this beautiful little bundle with "lots of dark hair" are MR. & MRS. MATTHEW BUYNICKI of 216 South Westfield Street; MR. & MRS. ROBERT GRISWOLD of Ruth Avenue, Agawam, MR. & MRS. JOSEPH DIMINO of West Springfield.

Best wishes to all!

Best wishes to TOM CONNERY who is home recuperating from a recent hospital stay. Take it easy now and you'll be back at full steam soon enough.

If you have news of social doings in your family or neighborhood, please give Penny a call at 786-9144 or drop her a note at 72 Federal St., Agawam.

Quiltmakers Hold Dinner At Tavern



On May 7th quilters from the Piecemakers Quilt Shop in Feeding Hills and from the Agawam Adult Education classes assembled for a Quilters' Dinner at Storowtown Tavern. The dinner was hosted by the "Piecemakers," a group of professional quilters under the guidance of Suzanne Ashe, owner of the popular Feeding Hills shoppe. The Massachusetts room was ablaze with color since the Bi-centennial quilting became popular. Some quilters in attendance were, from left, Marie Cheney, Barbara Burgamaster, Suzanne Ashe, Sue Kendall and Nancy Garwacki. Photo by Jack Devine.

YWCA Offers Workshop On Small Area Gardening

"Odd Pots In Small Spaces," a workshop on balcony and patio gardening, is being sponsored by the Springfield YWCA on Thursday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Participants will use their own small growing areas to design a patio or balcony garden. The session will include practical discussion of flower and vegetable growing in window boxes and patio pots. Workshop participants are urged to bring drawings, dimensions and sun exposure of their gardening area.

The cost of the workshop is \$4.50, and reservations and payments must be received by the Springfield YWCA, 135 State Street, by Tuesday, May 26.

Grange Will Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, May 19th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Home on North West Street. Southwick and Palmer Granges have been invited to be guests.

Mrs. Linda Fuller, author of *Trips and Trivia: A Guide To Western Mass.*, will be the speaker during the lecturer's hour and will discuss her book and her experiences writing it. The book will be available for purchase during the evening.

A social hour will follow with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Daigneault, Rosella Nielson, and George Draghetti in charge of refreshments.

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Southwick PWP Schedule


Lakeside Chapter 990 of Parents Without Partners will begin its May activities with an orientation for prospective members to run each Thursday evening at Southwick Country Club and on the 12th, 19th, and 26th, at Southwick Congregational Church. All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m.

A special lecture entitled "On the Job Market" will be presented by Cil Long, certified personnel counselor, at the Church of the Atonement in Westfield on May 27 at 8 p.m. It will be open to the public.

A Fifties Dance on May 29th at 9 p.m. will also be open to the public. Admission to this event at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills will be \$2.00.

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Stigmatine Committee Holds Banquet



The Stigmatine Scholarship Fund Committee held its 19th annual banquet at the Coliseum Banquet Hall in West Springfield on Saturday, May 9. The sole purpose of the committee is to raise funds to assist financially young men studying for priesthood in the Stigmatine Order. Pictured are Paul Ferrarini, general chairman, Rev. Joseph Massaro, C.S.S., founder of the Stigmatine Scholarship, Most Rev. Joseph F. Maguire, Bishop of Springfield; Rev. Anthony Coriliano, Principal of Stigmatine Order; and Frank DeAngelo, banquet chairman. Photo by Jack Devine.

Rosary Society Elects Officers

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will install new officers on May 21. President Dolores Wagner announced the new slate as follows:

Nancy Doucette, president; Penny Martineau, first vice president; Ethel Dumond, second vice president; Marie Vecchiarelli, secretary; and Julia Zagchowski, treasurer.

The mass and installation will be celebrated by Father Richard Ahearn at 6 p.m. in the church. The annual banquet will follow at the Silver Carriage Inn.

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Crowning The Blessed Mother



On May 10, 1981 St. Anthony's Church C.C.D. children had their annual "Crowning of Our Blessed Mother" in church and also on the church lawn. Tina Walsh (back), Theresa Montagna, left and Darci Vigliano have the honor of performing the ceremony. Photo by Jack Devine.

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We will be running this column weekly to inform you of the hours of services at your house of worship. Activities at your parish hall and other items of interest concerning parish doings may be submitted for publication in our social pages. We encourage parishes to appoint a person to be responsible for publicity. This information is furnished as a public service.

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Wednesday evening: Prayer group meetings 7:00

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 16th
Bowl-Off
Women's Club &
Rotary Club
Agawam Bowl
Walnut St. Ext.
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

May 17th
Bicycle Rodeo
MacDonalds
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

May 16th
Elm Boosters
Auction
Masonic Lodge
733 Main Street
10-4 p.m.

May 18th
Band Parents Meet.
High School
7 p.m.



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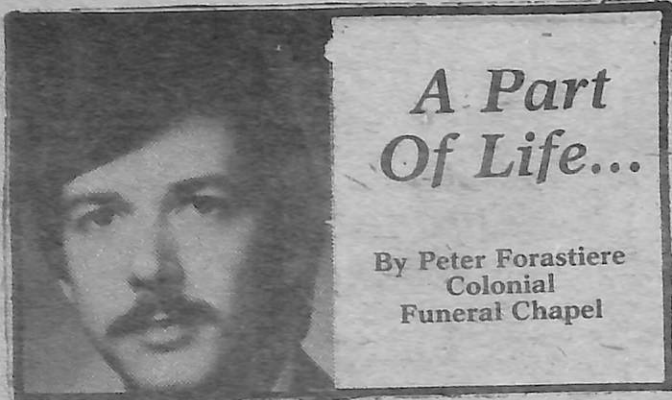
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A death away from home is a family emergency which causes great concern. Prior knowledge of what to do under these circumstances will relieve many burdens of the family who has the responsibility for making funeral arrangements.

When death occurs away from home, an immediate phone call should be placed to the hometown funeral director. This should be done regardless of where or when the death takes place.

The hometown funeral director will know exactly what to do and can offer valuable counsel in assisting the family to meet the immediate needs of the emergency. A death away from home may lead to additional expense, transportation and service costs may be incurred depending on the circumstances and the services requested. Your hometown funeral director will explain these charges and advise of the various alternatives available.

Generally speaking, the casket and burial vault should be selected from the funeral director who will direct the funeral and provide facilities for the service. This will usually be the hometown funeral director. He will act as your agent and counselor in dealing with professionals he has contact with nationwide who he will instruct to facilitate the necessary arrangements and legal requirements involved in order to have the deceased transported to the funeral home.

Prior knowledge and forethought of what to do when a death occurs away from home can be very helpful to the family. It is important that the family has confidence in the funeral director they are dealing with. Through his counsel and coordination of all details, he can make a very difficult time a little easier to bear.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1931 preparing for their 50th class reunion are, from Louise Moreno, Bion T. Wheeler, Edith Michaud, Harold D. Roos, Frances Fagnani and Loraine Walker. The reunion will be held on June 13th at Storowtown tavern. Photo by Jack Devine.

Class Of '31 Plans 50th Year Reunion

Plans are underway by the Agawam High School Class of 1931 to hold its Golden Anniversary reunion at Storowtown Tavern, West Springfield, on June 13th.

53 of the 54 surviving members of the class have been contacted, but organizers are still looking for Sylvia Hunter. Anyone with information on her whereabouts is asked to contact either Louise Caruso Moreno, Frances Montagna Fagnani, Lorraine Wilson

Walker, or Edith Pisano Michaud.

Harold Roos, president of the class, will give the address of welcome, and Bion T. Wheeler, Jr., class valedictorian, will give the history of the school and class.

Efforts are also underway to locate and invite faculty members.



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EDITORIAL

Playing Politics Not Hebert's Job

We wish to congratulate the newly formed PTO Council for its diligence and interest in attempting to fight any cuts in the \$7.4 million school budget.

PTO Council President Rene Piccoli, representing the Phelps PTO, and members Marie Grimaldi (Robinson Park), Judy Hebert (Clark School), Pat Vivenzio (Peirce School), Susan Frankenberg (Granger School) and Carol Treganowan (Middle School) deserve praise for exercising their rights to be seen and heard in the local political arena.

The PTO Council, recently formed after approaching Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert in an effort to ward off further cuts in the school budget, proves that parents in this community, as we have always known, do care about their children and the quality of education they receive.

But there has been a serious error made here, and it was not made by the parents.

We ask this question: Why didn't Mr. Hebert, who is an appointed official, turn this group of parents over to the elected School Committee in this political matter of pressing Town Council on the school budget?

Why should an appointed official, who has no political base in the community, be working with the parents in the limelight instead of our elected School Board members, who do have a political base and should be playing politics to protect the school budget.

What has happened here is that the School Committee has been shut out of responsibility that is theirs and theirs alone: catering to constituents in the political arena.

Tuesday night, School Committee Vice-Chairman Jessie Fuller, and, rightfully so, brought this issue to the board's attention.

She later told us, "I resent the fact that Mr. Hebert never informed us about this matter. Mr. Hebert should have stepped aside and allowed the elected officials handle this situation. I can't see any other way he could have handled this but to give it to the School Board."

Mrs. Fuller hit the nail squarely on the head.

An appointed official entering into the political arena sets a dangerous precedent, especially in an instance such as this where the balance of the school budget hangs on a thin, thin thread.

The Superintendent's responsibility is to propose and carryout policy with the approval of the elected School Committee...leave the politics in the hands of those with the know-how, our seven elected officials.

We have cited Mr. Hebert on several other occasions for circumventing the School Committee's authority and for a lack of communication with board members.

Thus, we again impose the question, "Why was the School Committee left out of a matter that they can readily handle and, by their elected status, are responsible for?"

Legal Notices Accepted!

Letters to the Editor

Burden Of 2½ Falls On Youth

To The Editor:

I would like to express my concern regarding the recent decision to eliminate the town's Recreation Department completely. The burden of Proposition 2½ is being severely absorbed by the youth of our community. Was this the intention of those who voted or moreover is this the easiest scapegoat for our elected officials, who view these cuts "appropriate"?

Cutting the children's programs in town will only force them onto the streets and into a world of idleness, whereby problems will arise. The children of today are the future of tomorrow. Can we afford to take such a chance with our future?

I strongly urge the citizens of Agawam to speak out on behalf of their children and rally against these unfair budget cuts that will be instituted. The imposition of program fees is a reflection of the times, but the complete dismantling of a town department seems to be a step backward. Without a structure, no fees can be charged, therefore, no programs run or coordinated.

In addition to this, the youth of Agawam face further oppression; with the elimination of the Recreation Department went the subsidy that the Agawam AA receives. Now we see a non-profit organization who in the past has served 2,000 children feeling the ax. Can they survive such cuts? Does anyone care?

Can this be happening in a town whose programs for youth have been noted throughout Western Mass.? The sad reality is that this is happening NOW and the tragic future is only a step away unless WE, the citizens of Agawam, respond NOW.

Mrs. Paula Longley
Country Road, Agawam

Blame For Corruption Scam

To The Editor:

It appears that the council's reaction to the "corruption" charges are to have it appear they, the council, have struck a victory. That is miles from the truth.

The truth is that the council has played the ostrich with this issue in order to hide their own guilt. What is this guilt? Their guilt is they, the council, have disregarded the fact that there is not one contract filed with the Town Clerk, legally or properly or timely by the Town Manager, or any other office except labor contracts.

This is a failure on the Manager's part because he, the manager, is subject to fines for these failures. He is also morally at fault because he claimed he did file contracts. That is not true.

I challenge the council and the Manager to show one contract that was filed legally by the Manager. If the Manager is not at fault why has he sent out a directive to all department heads to file any and all contracts? In other words if they were filed there would be no need to send out this type of directive to get contracts filed.

This leads me to again make the charge: How can the council say there is no corruption involved with the bidding system in town if there are not and have not been any contracts filed? How can there be an investigation if there are no contracts on file?

The second major part of this issues is the total and deliberate lack of knowledge of the Town Charter. The Charter is specific in detailing the council's duties. There has been a nine-year battle going on as to who has the final say on all contracts, including labor contracts.

There has not been one contract, not one filed as required by the Town Charter. There hasn't been one contract filed properly since this form of government came into being.

The charter states without equivocation that all proposed contracts shall be filed with the council clerk.

So again I make the charge, how can the council know with any certainty that there is or has been corruption in the awarding of contracts in Agawam? The council has never seen a contract, especially the rookie councilor Andrew C. Gallano.

He has been defending the people at fault here without ever seeing a contract. Gallano, how many contracts have you seen? Don't give us rhetoric, give us facts. When and where did you see them, how many contracts have you reviewed in order to determine that there is no corruption in our contract procedures?

Valentine R. Moreno
15 Florida Drive

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1981, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of FRANK SOLITARIO who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20, Paragraph 8 (g) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the removal of excess top soil due to street construction in project known as HAMPDEN FIELDS rear of 652 RIVER ROAD.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Theodore A. Progulski, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

A Disabled Worker Speaks Out

To The Editor:

Disabled workers have historically been treated unjustly. In 1911, with the passage of the first Workers' Compensation Acts in the various states, disabled workers lost their right to sue their employers for full damages from injuries caused by management negligence. In return, they were given the workers' compensation system which promised to provide an adequate income for workers and their families but this has proven to be clearly inadequate in this regard and which is filled with a frustrating and often humiliating morass of procedural roadblocks.

As a result of the compensation system, injuries and illnesses caused or aggravated by workplace conditions have come to be regarded as part of the productive process rather than as an abridgement of human rights to safe, healthful, and dignifying work.

The vast majority of Massachusetts workers know almost nothing about their rights to workers' compensation. As a result, the insurers and employers save millions of dollars yearly because workers don't know they can file for compensation.

The Workers' Compensation Act in Massachusetts is the worst in the United States. Its level off benefits and procedural deficiencies need to be attacked and changed.

Only \$6 per week is allowed per dependent. This \$6 benefit is available only if ⅓ of a disabled worker's weekly wage is less than \$150.

Some workers and their families get money from Social Security Disability to supplement their compensation checks. However, Social Security applies an offset for workers' compensation so that the combination of the payments is not allowed to exceed 80% of a worker's salary at the time of disablement.

Yet another important disabled worker constituency are those workers who get injured and find their claims contested by the workers' compensation insurance companies. This almost invariably means that they are forced to wait six months to a year or longer to win their case at the Industrial Accident Board.

Over 11,000 workers are forced to initiate legal action each year for compensation according to statistics of the Industrial Accident Board. Many of these workers have little or no savings and are in very tough financial shape after a couple of months.

My case was typical.

I originally injured my back on a job in May of 1977 and took vacation time to recover. I received payment for braces and medical equipment only by persistently submitting bills to the president of the insurance company.

I re-injured my back again on a job in June, 1979, however, my company had merged with another and there was a new insurance carrier. The investigator took a transcript the day of my admission to the hospital, while I was drugged and pretty well out of it. Two days later, I received a certified letter from him disallowing workmen's compensation claim on the grounds my condition pre-existed from the 1977 injury.

I then was denied benefits from the original insurance company as they stated it was a new injury and not their problem.

I found out later that this is standard procedure for insurance companies. But here I was, in a hospital bed, looking at the ceiling with no medical coverage.

I was then terminated by my employer after 20 years of loyal service due to the disability.

I now was in a precarious position. Age 48, incapacitated with total disabling back injury, with no other source of income, two weeks severance pay in pocket, a wife, two kids and a dog who depended on me.

But for the efforts of a doctor who interceded with the present insurance company to review and reconsider, I would have been in big trouble.

The laws vary from each state; our state is presently at the extreme bottom of the list. The next closest (and there is a wide gap) is Puerto Rico.

The Massachusetts Organization of Disabled Workers (MODW) is a newly founded organization for disabled workers, families and friends which has come together to educate other workers, union, and the public about the common problems shared by persons disabled by work-related injury or illness. It strives to collectively work towards needed reforms and improvements in the state workers' compensation act, in the administration of the compensation system, in the quality of rehabilitation and retraining programs, and in the priorities given to issues of workers' health, safety, and dignity, and to support individual workers in the struggle to obtain rightful benefits.

For more information on the MODW, contact me at 527-2247.

Hal Relihan
East Longmeadow



On Local Politics

By Stephen Gazillo

Lobbyist Flexing Muscles

Town Council came under heavy "lobbying" pressure Monday night in their budget review session on the school budget.

The presence of over 100 teachers, parents, and school administrators had unquestionable impact on the outcome of the meeting.

I would venture to say that had there been no crowd, no petitions, no pleas, and no arm twisting during recess, the school budget would have been reduced by \$113,000. As it turned out, the council ended up deadlocked on the issue.

The matter of the school budget may already be settled as we go to press, but regardless of the outcome, Monday's meeting will still stand as a fine example of the role lobbyists can play in local politics.

Lobbyists, call "nitwits", "crazies", and more commonly, "pressure groups," are defined in Webster's as people "conducting activities aimed at influencing public officials, and especially members of a legislative body."

Like it or not, lobbying is the backbone of American democracy.

There exists a plethora of lobbying groups in Agawam. One could argue practically every organization that operates here has carried on some form of lobbying activity at one time or another.

Recent examples here would have to include "Agawam Citizens Together," staunch opponents of a number of zone changes over the past 3 years; the "Agawam Athletic Association," a group that has worked to insure that children of Agawam will not have sports taken away from them; the newly formed PTO-Council, who sent petitions supporting the school system, and many informal groups of residents, such as those who, a few weeks back, fought a zone change at a public hearing involving local developer Frank Solitario.

If Solitario had his own group of "lobbyists" at the meeting, perhaps he would have been able to hold on to the votes he lost because an angry crowd of abutters were pressuring the council.

One could say we are now in the middle of "lobbying season," particularly as self-interests run deep during budget deliberations.

Some of our town councilors have complained that they don't relish being in the limelight when crucial votes such as the one involving the school budget are put before them.

But should the lobbyists stay home and let those in government act as they please?

Whether or not councilors agree with those who are pressuring them they would be acting irresponsibly by not listening.

Given the format of the current budget sessions, the only way people of the town can have any influence is through lobbying, either through phone calls or an organized presence at one of the meetings.



FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

A Refreshing Refresher Course In Politics

It really wasn't that long ago when the facts and figures of local aid for the cities and towns in fiscal 1982, caused concern and depression of spirit throughout the Commonwealth.

The shock waves had barely settled when explanations made headlines which read "Governor's Budget Overestimates Revenue," "Governor's Budget \$165 Million Short" and on and on and on.

A small band of legislators, small in number but strong in their conviction that the message of Proposition 2 1/2 called for not only spending restriction and improved management procedures for cities and towns but for the Commonwealth as well.

This small group believes that the people who spoke at the polls last November do not want to spend one dime more in new taxes or for expansion of existing taxes. They want desperately to halt unbridled spending practice and they also want a greater share of local aid, and rightfully so for the Commonwealth's "Revenue" is generated by the taxpayer.

So the small band got together and conscientiously put together what they called the "Better Budget." They diligently reviewed areas of the budget that were fat and bloated and pared and carved and wound up with a product that cut \$320 million from the Governor's budget without affecting services, and earmarked that amount for local aid. The biggies in administration and in leadership scoffed, ridiculed and pooh poohed.

So this small and distributed copies to people, the press and advocacy groups.

A month later, they rumored that the Senate planned a budget for increased local aid in the millions - the House indicated severe budget cuts to increase local aid and finally the Governor said he was sending a new message to increase local aid by \$150-\$200 millions.

And the small "Better Budget" group smiled and looked pleased.

Letters Continued

Fees Questioned Again

To The Editor:

Our Town Manager Mr. Bowen must know by this time the good and bad points of Agawam's previous growth and its plans (or lack of them) for the future.

He observed, as printed several times in newspapers, that the cost of our sewer and water system comes mainly from our general fund and, therefore, through the taxes unfairly paid by those of us who do not have the privilege of these sewers, but depend on costly septic tanks and leach fields.

I, and unquestionably hundreds of others without sewers, have retired and depend on Social Security and a small pension to keep our heads above water.

Why should we after over 30 years of being so

unfairly treated by the town, now be slapped with the proposed mountainous sewer and water charges? Which we may not be able to pay - what then?

If our town was undeniably overtaxing us all these years, should it not be responsible to repay us somehow? Why not make our sewer and water rates the same as the present rates which we have been wrongly supporting all these years?

Perhaps between Mr. Bowen, our councilors, our Planning Board, and you citizens, there is a better solution.

Sincerely,

Ray Morawski

A hopeful Agawam citizen

PUBLIC MEETING

If you are interested in recreation for children, make it your business to be at the Agawam High School auditorium this Sunday (May 17) at 7:00 P.M. to demonstrate your support for funding of recreation programs in Agawam.

Representatives from the Agawam Hockey Association and the Agawam Athletic Association will be in attendance. The following sports will be represented: boys' basketball and baseball, girls' softball and basketball, girls' and boys' track, AAA Piranha, and Park and Recreation sponsored swim, baton, and gymnastics programs.

If you have children involved in any of the above programs attendance at the meeting is a priority !!

If you believe there should be SOME funding by the town for recreational programs, be at this important meeting.

We urge parents whose children have benefited from activities of this nature in the past and understand the value and necessity for their continuance to attend.

TOWN COUNCILORS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND

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SCHOOL NEWS

Students Win At State Science Fair

By Joanne Brown

Five winners of the Science Fair held at the Agawam Middle School in March recently participated in the Massachusetts State Science Fair. The state event was held at the University of Massachusetts and was sponsored by the *Boston Globe*.

The Agawam students were part of the Junior Division of the regional fair. Each exhibited the project which had won him an award at the Middle School fair.

John Bara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bara of North Westfield Street, and Timothy Sheehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheehan of North Westfield Street, collaborated on a project which earned third place in the state fair. They made a pulp of cotton and paper which resulted in a different kind of "homemade paper."

John and Tim exhibited details of the various processes they followed to produce their paper. They handed out small samples of their product, and also set out an sheet of their paper to be autographed by judges and other participants in the fair.

Kimberly Souders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Souders of Kellogg Avenue, and Lisa Ziegert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ziegert of Wrenwood Lane, made a cardboard model of a solar collector. The model could fit in a window and followed the design of a collector which could either heat or air condition a room. They exhibited pictures of themselves at work on the various stages of their project as well.

Elizabeth Beaulieu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Beaulieu of South Westfield Street, focused her project on tooth decay which develops over a period of time. She rigged up a funnel effect to drip Coca Cola onto an actual human tooth and detailed the decay which occurred over a period of months.

The five students completed their projects under the supervision of Middle School teacher Mark Costanzi, who also accompanied them to UMass for the state fair.



THESE FINE YOUNG MEN OF AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL, from left, Bob Lancour, Tim Ryan, Todd Rovelli, captain, Roger Olewinski (alternate) and Mark Morrison will be representing the town in the upcoming "As School Match Wits" playoffs on Channel 22. This year's squad ranked high in the competition and should fare well before it's over. Photo by Jack Devine.

Match Wits Team Enters Playoff

By Joanne Brown

Relax. Take it easy. Calm down. Words of advice fly around as tension builds. Agawam High School's team is preparing once again to enter playoff competition on Channel 22's *As Schools Match Wits* show. Quarter-final action against Minnechaug Regional will be aired this Saturday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Team members on this year's squad strike a good balance between the experienced and the novice. The team captain, senior Todd Rovelli, and senior Bob Lancour were part of last year's team which also saw playoff action. Junior Tim Ryan was the team alternate last year who actually got to fill in one of the shows. Senior Mark Morrison, in his first year, rounds out this year's team.

Alternates this year are junior Roger Olewinski, who recently moved to Wisconsin, and sophomore Dale Patnaude.

These scholars have met twice a week since September in preparation for the three matches they won to earn a berth in playoff competition. One day is spent taking notes in various areas of knowledge, and the other involves a mock match against a group of upcoming teammates. Effort is intensified to four times a week about three weeks prior to a match.

According to Team Captain Todd Rovelli, they have altered their method of study slightly this year.

"Besides taking notes from our coach and visiting teachers, we decided to research our own questions to ask of each other," explains Rovelli. He believes this new approach gives the team better balance and confidence in more areas.

Each of the team members, while acquiring general information, also is assigned an area for depth. Rovelli specializes in music and literature; Lancour in mythology; Morrison in sports and science; and Ryan in literature and trivia.

The students this year reiterate their past philosophy that "One man teams go nowhere." They all work as a team following their captain's choice of topic.

The same thirty categories are listed on sheets of paper given to competitors each week. The value of the questions - between 15 and 30 points - changes and becomes crucial in close matches. The Agawam squad has a tendency to go for U.S. History or music first, depending on the point value of the category.

Prior to taping a match, the opposing teams may socialize a bit with each other and then call for the toss of a coin. "Winning the coin toss is a psychological lift," senior member Bob Lancour relates.

Following the coin toss, moderator Phil Shepardson warms up the teams with sample questions for a few minutes. Tension is exhibited in various ways from the most obvious displayed by Rovelli and Morrison to "Not-A-Nerve-In-His-Body" Lancour.

In his sixth year as team coach, Agawam High English teacher Larry O'Brien praises this squad repeatedly.

"They are most willing to work hard and display more interest in competing than other teams have," O'Brien notes. He adds that this year's members are more knowledgeable in many general areas as well.

O'Brien feels the captain is the key to the team and recognizes the talent as an organizer and motivator of Rovelli along with other captains of the teams in the last few years.

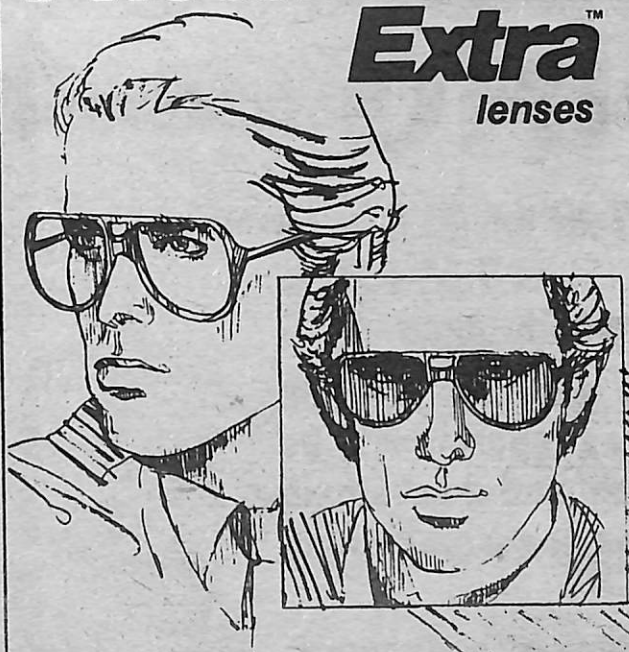
O'Brien would like to see some girls on the team. "Unfortunately, many of the most capable girls are involved in other demanding activities such as year-book or sports, but I'm still hoping to get some in the future," he says.

O'Brien's respect for his team is mutual. The boys laud him as invaluable to their success.

"The major reason why the team has done so well is Mr. O'Brien," Rovelli states. "He is willing to spend so much time preparing us and that's not often found."

All of Agawam will be watching this Saturday night to see how well our guys do this season. Good luck, fellas!

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Agawam High history teacher John Ferranti, advisor to Model Congress, discusses the bill his charges had filed with the State Legislature with State Rep. William Nagle Jr. and Tom Doucette, one of the environmentally-aware young men who originated the bill. Missing from the picture is Keith Perron, the other bright young man. Photo by Jack Devine.

"Best Bill" Award Prophetic

By Joanne Brown

Agawam High School's bill on toxic waste control recently earned the "Best Bill" designation at the Model Congress held at American International College. The decision in favor of the local students' entry was made personally by Governor Edward King, and it has turned out to be a most prophetic choice.

The students concern on this crucial environmental matter encouraged them to suggest their bill for actual legislation. Against overwhelming odds, virtually the same bill proposed at Model Congress was recently reported favorably out of committee following hearings before the Boston Legislature's Natural Resources Committee.

Tom Doucette and Keith Perron, two environmentally-aware students at Agawam High, along with their advisor, Mr. John Ferranti, were invited to address the committee at the State House in Boston last week. Representative William P. Nagle Jr. (D-Northampton), House chairman of the committee, sponsored the students' bill.

Doucette and Perron originally became concerned over the ease with which people can purchase from supermarkets or hardware stores potential water pollutants in the form of septic system cleaners. Once used in a septic tank, the chemical ingredients often spread through leech fields and eventually pollute

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., May 18: Pizza w/cheese, tossed garden salad, applesauce w/whip topping, milk
Tues., May 19: Hamburg in roll, steamed buttered rice, buttered diced carrots, fruited jello, milk
Wed., May 20: Steamed frankfort in roll, baked beans, oven french fries, applesauce spice cake, milk
Thurs., May 21: Oven roast chicken, whipped potatoes & gravy, buttered peas & carrots, bread & butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk
Fri., May 22: 1/2 fluffernutter, 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, buttered vegetable, sweet potato spice cake, milk

well water. The students urged adoption of their bill declaring that the toxic chemicals that get into groundwater may cause cancer or birth defects.

The bill as drafted by the students amends the Toxic Substance Control Act of 1977 by further restricting the sale of specific chemicals for use in domestic sewage disposal system cleaners and additives.

Instead of resting on their laurels after earning the Model Congress recognition, the two students decided to press their concerns with the Boston Legislature. Their testimony given to the committee brought them accolades on their knowledge and hard work.

They sought to ban specifically three chemicals: 1,1,1 trichloroethane, methylene chloride, and the halogenated benzenes.

Following their testimony to the committee, Thomas McLoughlin, deputy commissioner of the State Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, spoke in opposition to their bill. He expressed his belief that the students' bill is not the proper method to follow and suggested waiting to see if a federal law on the same problem works out.

Rep. Nagle commended the students for a fine job in bringing this matter to the attention of the legislators. The redrafted measure approved by the committee bans the sale of any sewage system cleaner or additive containing any restricted chemical material, but the definition of restricted materials is left up to the state DEQE.

The bill also requires manufacturers of sewage cleaners to furnish the DEQE with information necessary to enforce the law and authorizes the department to establish certain standards.

PTO Council Formed

A growing concern among parent groups in Agawam has evolved into the formation of a new organization called the PTO Council. This council consists of board members or representatives from each school who will deal with problems and issues concerning the entire school system.

Members of the new PTO Council feel that a single, strong voice of combined parent groups will be heard louder than those of individual groups.

The PTO Council hopes to keep abreast of academic standards, special projects, budget and other pertinent data relative to the school system and to pass that information along to their individual groups. The council will be working in cooperation with Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert.

OPERA MUSIC



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Bike Registration Scheduled Sunday

A Bicycle Rodeo will be held on Sunday, May 17th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McDonald's of Agawam parking lot. Bike inspection and registration will also take place.

The "Lite A Bike" Program sponsored by the V.F.W. Post 1632 will go into effect with each bike receiving reflector tape so it can be spotted in the dark. Assistance will be provided by the Agawam Jaycee-ettes and the Police Department.

Prizes for the rodeo have been donated by McDonald's, Bianco & Sons Bicycle Center at 1110 Springfield Street, Al's Bicycle Corner at 313 Springfield Street, Zayre, The Rollaway, and Mushy's Miniature Golf and Batting Cage.

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Local Music Groups Success In Festivals

The Junior High School Jazz Band, under the direction of David Baldock, received excellent ratings and comments at the International Music Festival for Junior High Schools held recently at Niagara Falls, Canada. They placed about in the middle of the dozen groups entered in the Jazz Band event.

Thirty-five bands representing ten states took part in the National Festival (East) at Wildwood, New Jersey. The Agawam High Band and Color Guard took fifth place trophies for both the Festival Parade on the boardwalk and the Field Contest at the stadium.

Field show score was .2 of a point out of fourth place.

Field show winner was the Billerica High Band, who are currently New England champions in marching contest. They also won the parade event.

The Agawam High Chorale, under the direction of Stephen Files, received an excellent rating in their performance from judges from the University of Michigan and the University of Connecticut. They also received an honorable mention trophy.

Agawam High Concert Band, under the direction of Zachary Tileston, was awarded a seventh place standing in the concert event, which was won by Leonardville, Maryland.

Agawam did not enter the Jazz Band event this year. Bands placing second, third, and fourth in the marching events all came from Pennsylvania. Through the luck of the draw, the Agawam performance directly followed that of the winning band - a tough act to follow!

In other festival notes, the Agawam students' accommodations at the Bal Harbour Motor Inn were excellent, and the weather just barely cooperated by threatening rain holding off on Sunday until all the marching events took place.

Davis Sr. & Jr. Compete In Shows

The National Festival at Wildwood, New Jersey, had an unusual personal meaning to Agawam Band Director Darcy Davis since this was the first time he has had to compete with the band directed by his son, Darcy G. Davis, of Rockville, Connecticut, High School.

The Rockville Band has a long history of distinguished concert bands, and this year their Wind Ensemble took first place in the highest and most difficult class of Music Performance and Sight-Reading. Their marching band placed tenth in the parade event.

The Rockville Band formed itself into a cheering section for Agawam's field performance, an event they did not enter themselves, and the Agawam students reciprocated by cheering the Rockville Band in the parade. Unfortunately, the bands were not able to hear each other in the concert event.

For the entire scope of various contests by the thirty-five bands, only four superior ratings were given. Two went to Billerica, Massachusetts, in marching events, one to Leonardville, Maryland, in concert, and one to Rockville, Connecticut, in Wind Ensemble.

Band Parents To Meet

The Agawam High Band and Color Guard Parents Association will meet at the High School on Monday, May 18th, at 7 p.m. All ninth grade parents are welcome to attend.

Band Weekend "Some Experience"

By Rita White

I had a really super Mother's Day. I spent it in the company of almost 200 Agawam High School students. While I missed having one of my own two children with me on that special day, I couldn't have asked for a better group to be with. Agawam can well be proud of their youth and the image they presented.

Three Day Competition

My reason for being so far away from home on Mother's Day was to be a chaperone for the school's chorus and band on their three day trip to Wildwood, New Jersey for competition.

I have a son who volunteers me for everything and over the years I have gotten to appreciate it. There is nothing like being surrounded by youth to make one feel youthful.

Wildwood was host to the National Music Festival and they were brave to have the 41 schools come there to compete. The town of Wildwood, although a resort area with a summer population of 300,000, has a winter residency of only 5,000.

I think the students outnumbered the residents as it is still off-season. The weather could have been nicer, but some hardy souls still gave the ocean waters with temperatures of 55 degrees a try. The boardwalk offered enough t-shirts to clothe the entire United States and still left enough for future generations. Pizza seemed to be the number one food featured. Some of the kids ventured onto the amusement areas of the boardwalk and gave the rides a go.

While the majority of the schools competing came from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, one came from Normandy, Missouri and one from Mississauga, Ontario. The rest were from Massachusetts, Virginia, Connecticut, New York, Maryland and Maine.

Good Natured Competitiveness

As far as I could tell, the entire week-end went off without any major incidents between students. There was a lot of good natured cheering and competitiveness but no show of poor taste.

There were competitions in many different areas, such as color guard, marching, ensemble, ensemble concert, swing choir, field marching, parade marching, concert band and on and on. Obviously, each school did not compete in every event.

One of the biggest highlights of the weekend was the parade on Sunday night. There is nothing like a parade to start the blood pumping. It was exciting to see group after group of high school students in full uniform, marching down the boardwalk.

In time honored tradition, the best was saved for last and Agawam was the anchor band in the parade marching to much applause and cheering.

The Agawam band took 5th place honors in the field competition and in marching band competition. The concert band received a participation award.

The chorus was only entered in one of the areas available to chorus. This was the SATB area, or Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass chorus. It was their first time out to a competition that was so entirely geared to bands, but the chorus can be proud of their excellent rating which they received.

The afternoon of the awards there was entertainment for the kids by a group called Sunshine Express who can be seen on TV and who perform with some of the great entertainers. While they concentrated most of their efforts on rock, they did cover country and western and then were very kind to a number of teachers and chaperons by hitting on the music of the 1950's for a while.

Great Trip

All in all, it was a great trip. It's a good thing no one took odds on how quiet the buses would be coming home. Our made most of the trip by singing. Not much sleep, a lot of walking, souvenirs for those at home; it was all worth it.

I made a good friend on the trip, another chorus mom, Chris Ferry. When someone asked the two of us how we had enjoyed our first trip like this we responded that "when we grow up we were going to become professional chaperons."

If you haven't guessed, our suitcases are already packed for the next trip. Congratulations students and thanks for a good time.



Michael Passerini, left, and Walter Komorowski display a couple of the popular fictional characters made into puppets for original book reports by fourth graders at Peirce School. Some popular characters represented were MishMash, Rupert, Miss Pickerell, and Encyclopedia Brown. Photo by Jack Devine.

Puppets Perform

By Joanne Brown

Approximately 30 fourth graders in the top reading group under the supervision of Mrs. Josephine Whitehead at Peirce School recently requested an unusual project. Instead of a routine book report, they asked to make puppets which could be used to tell their stories.

After reading their chosen books, they created hand or stick puppets fashioned after one of the story's characters. Their reports were presented from the points of view of these individual characters.

Mrs. Whitehead proudly admits that the students did the project on their own. "All I did was get some books on puppet-making out of the library for them," she explains.

The project was so successful that requests have come from other classes to see some of the puppet book reports. The puppets were displayed for several days on top of bookshelves filled with popular books to be read by the students in the hopes of enticing others to experience the same adventures as these inventive young scholars.

Scout Camporee Scheduled

On May 15, 16, and 17, 450 scouts and scouters will converge for a camping weekend which includes contests and exhibitions of scouting and pioneering skills. The scouts, from Agawam and surrounding towns, will be judged on their individual and patrol cooking and camping expertise.

The camporee will be visited by Rod Speirs, a man who knew Baden Powell, the founder of scouting in England. Boys eleven and over whose troops fall into Knox Trail or Mt. Tom districts will be eligible to attend.

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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Chairman,
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Next week Mr. John Porter, guidance counselor, will administer the Advanced Placement examination to 12 seniors in these subject areas: U.S. History, Biology, and Calculus. For the past year, students have been enrolled in these courses which are taught according to a prescribed college curriculum.

Teachers of these courses attended workshops in order to prepare themselves for the teaching of advanced placement courses.

Upon completion of these courses students have the option of taking the advanced placement examination which they must pay for. The type of score they receive on the best will determine if the college they attend in September will grant the student college credit for such a course.

It is possible that one college will give credit and another will not for the same test result. For example, a test result of "5" may be acceptable to College A but not for College B. The reason for this is College B might be more selective in granting academic credit for certain subject areas.

Next year the high school will offer advanced placement in English 12, Calculus, U.S. History and Biology. These courses are demanding and require a great deal of preparation and study. A sufficient number of students must enroll in an advanced placement course in order for the course to be offered.

College Board Examinations:

Last date for the exam is June 6, 1981. Test sites are Longmeadow and Cathedral high schools. Application deadline is May 15th. A late fee of \$6.00 is charged.

Notices:

Elayne Jacobs Memorial Scholarship - applications are available for those students who have participated in some aspect of the theatre and plan to continue his/her education in that field.

Horace Smith Fund - applications for the Horace Smith Fund loans are available in the Guidance Office.

Christopher Columbus Scholarship - applicants must be of Italian descent. A small graduation picture must accompany the application.

Summer Program To Benefit Learning Disabled

The 1981 Children's Summer Program affiliated with the Learning Development Center at Mount Holyoke College and the Tutorial Learning Center of Springfield is currently being planned and applications are now being accepted.

The morning programs will be for school-aged children with specific learning problems, school-aged children wishing to improve study skills, school-aged children seeking enrichment activities, and pre-school children who would benefit from stimulation in areas such as language development, socialization and listening skills.

The morning sessions will meet Monday through Thursday from 9 to noon, July 6th to August 13th. There will also be one-to-one tutoring sessions offered to older clients.

The afternoon programs will be for older students and adults wishing to strengthen academic skills and for junior and senior high schools students wishing to prepare for the SAT's or PSAT's.

Afternoon sessions will be scheduled on an individual basis. Some evening classes may be arranged.

The morning program will consist of both one-to-one tutoring and small group academic study as well as group activities involving such areas as perceptual motor activities, sports, dance, music, drama, and crafts. Swimming will be offered on Thursdays. Staff members have many talents and will be flexible in creating programs to respond to each student's individual interests and needs.

The fee for this year's summer program is \$300 per student. Afternoon tutoring sessions will be \$12.50 to \$15 per hour depending on the subject and number of hours per week.

For further information contact Nancy West at the Learning Development Center at 538-2561.

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THE AGAWAM POLICE ASSOCIATION today contributed \$750.00 to the Agawam Athletic Association's combined sports programs. The Association sponsors four teams in the AAA and has done so for many years. Giving the award is Police Association President EDWARD BORGATTI to acting AAA Treasurer TOMMY MCELLIGOT. Looking on are acting AAA Secretary MAUREEN HERSEY and acting AAA President MARK LYNE and Police Association Executive Treasurer Sergeant FRANK EVANGELIST. The Police Association's donations go to both girls and boys sports and parts of the contribution will be used to defray expenses of the AAA basketball, track and swimming programs. The Police Association contributes to many groups locally including the Sacred Heart Athletic Association and Little League East. Photo by Jack Devine.

Special Olympians Compete In District

The Agawam Special Olympic track and field team entered the 11th annual Hampden County Special Olympic Meet in Palmer with excitement. Moderate temperatures made a perfect atmosphere for the events.

Mary Conte threw the softball 2.5 meters, nearly twice the distance from last year, and won a first place ribbon. Mary's persistence and determination provided her with another first place ribbon in the 25-meter wheelchair event.

In her first year of participation, Tonda Hudson received a first place ribbon in the 50-meter run dashing across at a mere 7.5 seconds. Tonda also threw the softball a distance of 7.7 meters for a second place finish.

Bobby Wentworth finished in first place running the 50 meters in 14.8 seconds. Bobby then threw the

softball 5.9 meters for a second place ribbon.

Laura-Jean DiFlumera finished second in the softball throw at a distance of 7.5 meters.

Craig Stallone finished third in the softball throw heaving the ball a distance of 17.5 meters.

Overall, the Agawam Special Olympics team received four first places, three second, and one third. Coaches Linda Geiger and Ted Tudryn were thrilled with the tremendous determination and perseverance the entire team displayed.

The coaches would like to thank Mrs. Conte, Mrs. Hudson, Donna Dillon, and Jim Warner for their invaluable assistance throughout the day.

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SPORTS



Young Dean Liptak is all smiles after former Boston Bruins great Bobby Orr presents him with a sportsmanship award in Boston. Dean was the Agawam Hockey Association's version of the "Lady Byng Trophy" given to a National Hockey League player for sportsmanship on the ice.

Dream Comes True For Dean Liptak

By Charles Duclos

Each of us dreams dreams of walking with kings, presidents and other dignitaries...of actors, actresses, sports figures and others socially in the know.

Many of us are only allowed to dream these things either during our daytime fantasies or those that overtake us during slumber hours. However, every once in a while one of us is allowed to have that magical moment turned into reality, and thus it was for a Feeding Hills resident of Robin Ridge Drive, Dean Liptak.

Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. John (Jake) Liptak, Jr., was recently awarded a trophy for sportsmanship in hockey by one of the game's greatest living players, Bobby Orr.

The presentation was made in Boston at the Hilton Hotel. This is the second annual event of this nature, and Orr zeroed in his efforts behind this undertaking to encourage and bolster support for junior hockey everyone.

Through efforts by clubs such as our own Agawam Hockey Association, Bobby and his associates hope to raise the consciousness and spirit of hockey participants, promoters, and fans. The carry over effect from the junior leagues through high school and college into the pros will continue giving hockey quality players, who will exhibit a strong sense of fair-play, team spirit, and a desire to promote the art of puck manipulation.

Dean was chosen on a vote taken by his team members and coaches. Each association was allowed to send one delegate from a cross section of the Commonwealth.

The *Agawam Advertiser/News* is proud and pleased to add its good wishes and continued success to this undertaking by Orr, the Agawam Hockey Association...and to Dean Liptak, the recipient of the "impossible dream."

Varsity Softball Team Continues Winning Streak

The Agawam High varsity softball team cruised to a 24-7 victory over Longmeadow behind the pitching of Angela Ross last week. The team's standing in the B Division is now 6-1, having lost only to Minnechaug. Overall average is 8-3.

In the Longmeadow game, Debbie Dalton homered and tripled. Jennie Hopkins tallied three hits.

Tri County & American Legion Baseball The BENCHWARMER

By Charles Duclos

Tri-County baseball for the local nine begins this Friday, May 15, at Westfield's Vocational High School field. Starting time will be 6 p.m. For those locals interested in finding the field, take Route 20 west to Westfield Center, continue through downtown. After leaving this area and having passed Friendly's, look for the sign for the high school which will be on the left. (If you get lost, ask the first kid you come to.)

Last week's unofficial schedule had the games for May as follows: Holyoke at Westfield Voke, May 15; Central at Forest Park, May 18; Chicopee at Westfield Voke, May 21; Fenton's at Shea's Field (Agawam), May 27; Oliver at Westfield Voke, May 28; and Hadley (2) at Hopkins, May 31. All games start at 6 p.m., except the Hadley game which goes off at 1 p.m.

Seven other teams in addition to O'Malley Printers (formerly the O'Malley Cardinals) make up the league. They are Fenton Pioneers, Hadley Burger King, Oliver Auto Body, Holyoke Allies, Union Auto Parts, Chicopee Falls Tigers, and Central Chevrolet.

Don Irzyk, playing coach/manager for the O'Malley Printers, gave the following roster during a recent interview. Some of these names will be familiar to baseball buffs as well as armchair athletes like this writer. Snapping curves, fast balls, sliders, sinkers, and other tricks from the high perch in the middle of the infield will be Mike Riley, Don Irzyk, Pete Flaherty, Paul Gramarossa, Brian Sweeney, Mark Beglane, and Steve Mercadante, who at this writing, is sporting a sore arm and may be seeing outfield action.

The man behind the mask will be Mark Guindon. Playing the number three position will be Rick Mastroianni and Jack Dougherty. At second, ready to nip stealers from first, will find Jeff LaBranche and Craig Plante. (Please note that only one at a time will be in each slot.) Hot-corner men will be John Plante and Tom Nodell, while Louie Conte by no means short of talent will plug up the shortstop gap.

Checking action from the beautiful rolling fairways of the outfield will be Andy (Chet) Paine, Dave Stefano, Steve Moge, Scott Herd, Danny D'Alma, and general utility man, Mike Miller. Jeff Russell and Steve Gonlik will account for the bats and baseballs, most important position because equipment is so costly.

With basketball wrapped up for another season, now's the time to get out and enjoy the air and some great ball. See you Friday in Westfield.

It's Evans Again!

By Larry Bouchard

The "Rapid Roman," Richie Evans, opened Riverside Park's 34th year of racing Saturday night with a convincing victory over Stan Gregor and Ray Miller. Evans, who started on the outside pole position, took the lead from start to finish.

Two caution flags were waved: one involving Brett Bodine, who was running fifth when his motor let go going into turn one and sent him into the wall and put him out of racing for the night.

In the closing laps, Gregor seemed to be gaining on Evans, but time ran out and he ended up in the runner-up spot. Following Evans and Gregor across the line were Ray Miller, Reggie Ruggiero, and corky Cookman. S.J. Evansion once again took down the small block bonus money.

Racing resume this Saturday with a 50-lapper, the mini-modified and the exciting figure-eights.

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Girls Track Split Meets

By Debbie Guidi

The girl's track squad had a mixed week, with a loss to East Longmeadow and a 69-49 victory over Palmer. With the team's second win under their belts, the group is up and looking forward to the rest of the season, which includes the individuals at Springfield College this Saturday.

Agawam Coach Rose Stratton announced this week on the team members who qualified to participate in the upcoming Western Mass. tournament.

The Brownies will be sending Ann Sherry to compete in the 100 yard dash, Kim McFarlin in the 220 yard dash, and Kathy O'Malley in the 440 yard dash.

Talented Lynn Mogan will run the low hurdles, and though Agawam will send no one to the 880 or mile relay races, Debbie Cheetham will compete in the mile run.

Ann Sherry and Kim McFarlin both qualified for the long jump, while teammate Kathy O'Malley will compete in the high jump.

Agawam will be sending Western Mass. qualifying Patrice Ross, Karen Brown, and Denise Murray to the discus event. Rita Iacola has qualified both for the javelin and shotput competitions.

Coach Stratton will also be entering her 440 yard relay, team consisting of Kim McFarlin, Ann Sherry, Lynn Mogan and Shelly Merchant.

The squad has the rest of the week to prepare for the individual competition with no meets scheduled until next Wednesday when they face West Springfield at the high school track in the final match of the season.

Brownie Boys Race To 8-1

By Debbie Guidi

Big victories over Palmer and East Longmeadow this week boosted the boys track team's mark to 8-1, and kept the Brownies tied with Minnechaug for first place in their division.

Agawam super senior Eric Nelsen retained his undefeated status in the high jump, long jump and 120 high hurdles, and also chipped in with a victory in the 330 low hurdles in Monday's 84.5 - 60.5 triumph over East Longmeadow.

Brownie coach Joe Modzelewski, who in preseason training claimed "this would be a rebuilding year" called Nelsen's monopoly of the first place column of the scoresheet for the four events as "astronomical." "You just can't ask for more than that in track," Modzelewski said. "He's been getting 20 points a meet for us."

Nelsen won the 120 and 330 hurdles with time of 14.9 and 40.86, enabling Agawam to take both events by narrow margins of 5-4, as East Longmeadow came in second and third. In the long jump, clobbered the second and third place Spartan finishers with a jump of 20.2 feet.

Muscleman Dave Rawson extended his unbeaten skein in the discus. Modzelewski was also impressed with sophomore Mike Beaudette's first place performance in the 440 yard dash.

John Danaher and Mike Hazen placed first and second for Agawam for eight points to East Longmeadow's one, though the runners did not lead by much in the track events. They lost the mile relay but won the 440.

Agawam was much stronger in the field events, which made the difference. They won every event in that portion of competition except the triple jump.

Rawson and Jimmy "the Hulk" Olko took first and second in the shotput, and in addition to Nelsen's 6.4 feet in the high jump, Agawam tied EL for third in that event on Steve Young's effort. The Brownies took first and second in the pole vault, first and third in the javelin and discus, and second in the triple jump.

The Brownies will be hoping to continue their five consecutive wins when they face Ludlow at home on May 14 in their final home confrontation of the campaign.

Welcome To My World

By Charles Duclos

A recent death in the family sent Papa scurrying to daughter Michelle's room to find that one of her goldfish had bellied up. Not wanting to get her hands dirty or clean depending upon how you view the situation, dear old Dad (fathers are good for something, sometime) went pearl, oops gold, diving. Wrapping the little species in a tissue, I quickly dispatched it to Bondi's Island via the sewer system. What a mistake! After calculating the cost of the tissue and the spiraling fees of the sanitary system, it might have been cheaper to have had a full-fledged funeral at a local mortuary.

Got my certificate for a gourmet cooking class taken at the Junior High School this year. My original intent was to learn simple things like how to break an egg without crushing the yolk. Teacher Sharon Warner, a Julia Child's-Aunt Jemima-Poppin' Fresh type person, has to be one of the best organized individuals around. Not only did she shop for the class, but she also made up the menus and guided twenty of her charges through intricate undertakings. At the end of two hours the class sat down to a complete meal, which started from "scratch" ...no box stuff, if you please.

With my new-found knowledge, I feel as if I'm ready for the Golden Arches or the home of the Whoppers; however, there is one flaw. I still can't open an egg without splattering the yellow stuff all over the place.

PIONEER VALLEY SOCCER ACTION

This column last week carried an article about Coach Mike Walsh's 16-and-under boys' soccer team. Three of his players were selected to tryout for the Massachusetts Youth Soccer squad, which will be involved in interstate tournaments. Eventually the national winning team will take on the best Canadian team for the North American championship. Well...our boys gave it their best shot but were not selected; however, all is not lost. Seems as if Bill O'Brien's 16-and-under girls' team also sent some lassies and faired better.

Traveling to Babson College in Wellesley, Pam Rowen and Julie Miodowski have been invited to return to compete next week in the final selection for the state's team. Also involved in the tryouts, an honor in itself, but not selected were LeeAnn Sandlin, Tammy Potter, Jennifer O'Brien, Diane Goodman, Lisa Chevalier, and Chris McCarthy.

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Baseball Booster Car Wash

The Agawam High School Baseball Boosters Club will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 16th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street.

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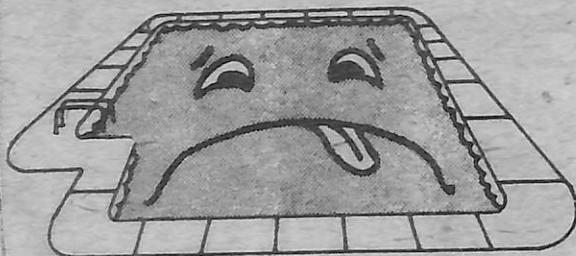
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Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba

I had returned home from Lake Ontario with a fabulous catch of fish Sunday and on Wednesday night, I was on my way back to Pulaski with Mark and Lance Poirer of Feeding Hills. Because of his work schedule, Jeff Danner was to catch up with us Thursday night.

We arrived at the Cat Fish Creek Marina at 4:30 a.m., launched the boat and moored it to a pier. Found fishing licenses for Mark and Lance, breakfast at a fast food diner and was back on the water by 6 a.m.

The weather was anything but nice; it was raining, ten to fifteen miles an hour wind and three to four foot waves. This weather condition dogged us for the four days we were there. When you fish Lake Ontario, you are a victim of the wind. Lucky for us the wind was from the south east. A north west wind just blows you off the lake.

I headed for the bay south of the marina where Edie and I had taken our fish the previous trip. On the way down I landed a nice football-shaped brown with a silver mooselook wobbler. It went in the vicinity of 7 pounds. Because of the weather, the fishing was slow and Lance and I had only two browns apiece in the cooler at the end of the session. Mark went hitless for the day.

The next morning the marina was a beehive of activity. The \$100,000 dollar trout derby was in process. The first prize was a 22-foot fishing boat with everything valued at \$21,000.

The same pattern prevailed. I hooked a brown on a silver mooselook right off the bat. Then for the rest of the day, Lance and Jeff took fish on silver cleo's and Fiord silver spoons. Mark still had not a hit all day. To say he was a bit dejected is putting it mildly. He was



The Poirer brothers of Feeding Hills, Lance (right) and Mark (left) flank fellow fisherman Jeff Danner on the shores of Lake Ontario with a catch of brown trout from the lake.

so upset that he had fried chicken three evening meals in a row. The chicken farmers love this guy. We cleaned eight browns that night.

Saturday morning was no different except that the winds had increased to 25 miles per hour, and the waves ran four to six feet and some of them had to be eight feet. We were after large browns and to date the largest taken was just a little over 10 pounds by Billy Kuras of West Suffield, Connecticut. He was camping with ten other fishermen from just over the border. The largest taken in the tournament was a 17-pound chinook off of Rochester, New York; a 16-plus brown out of Fairhaven; and a 16-pound steelhead out of the Salmon River by a fly fisherman.

Mark was desperate by this time, and we didn't let up on him one minute. We reminded him of the gloating he subjected us to last year when he seemed to have the magic touch and caught a majority of the fish on the trip. His expertise he professed to have last year suddenly was forgotten. Finally he tied on a gray

ghost fly, let out 150 feet of mono and the fun began. About 15-20 seagulls started to follow the boat. They would dive down, pick up the fly in their claws, and then drop it when they realized that it was a fake fish. The CB's were cackling and accusing us of trolling for seagulls. Finally a misguided brown hit the gray ghost. A short time later Mark scored again on the seagull attractor then he went dead for the rest of the fishing.

We brought home 18 monster brown trout between us. None of the fish made the grade as far as the contest was concerned. It didn't really bother us. We all figured the contest was an added attraction, and if we hit it lucky, we could have made some money.

The weather was a factor in the poor showing of fish action. Now that the storms have abated the fish have really started to come in. The reports I'm receiving point out that now is the time to be fishing. I'm on my way for another "adventure" on Lake Ontario.

"My World" - From Page 17

O'Brien's girls dropped the East Longmeadow Whitecaps last Friday for the second time this season. Dropping in tallies for the Agawam Polish Club-sponsored eleven were two by Pam Rowen and singles for Diane Goodman, Julie Miodowski, Carrie Szabla and Deanne Duclos. An assist was picked up by Dana Venturini.

Sunday's outing for the girls wasn't quite as easy as the best the tribe could do against Wilbraham was a 1-1 tie. Riddled with injuries, the local team controll-

ed most of the action and came from a 1-0 deficit on a high bouncer from Jennifer O'Brien to Dana Venturini, who scooted the round black-and-white past Wilbraham's goalie.

This gives Agawam a 5-0-1 record thus far this season.

Mike Walsh's club, sponsored by the Roadrunners Muffler Shop, defeated a crafty Holyoke team on Saturday at the Agawam Middle School field. The 4-1

win for the Walshmen was not a hands-down victory as two of the "Runners" markers came in the last ten minutes of play.

Holyoke drew the first stripe on the tally sheet in the first quarter of action, causing Agawam to play catch-up. On neat ball handling by Davey Jenks, who salted two away, and big ones by both Jean Nicole and Billy O'Brien, victory stayed on this side of the river.

The next time out was a heartbreaker as the Chicopee Moose team did in the hunters 4-3. Mike Sardella, Davey Jenks and Billy O'Brien scored for the Roadrunners.



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Little League Opens Season

The Agawam Little League opened another season Saturday, May 2. The Suburban Real Estate Orioles gave an all-around good performance to beat Lucia Lumber Yankees 13-9. Michael Meagher played heads-up fielding stopping two hits from going beyond singles. Catcher Michael Wright threw out two runners, and starting pitcher David Sheehan did well in his first start with relief from Mike Wright, who allowed only one run. Key hits came from Jimmy Russell and Greg Barna.

The Yankees had a good combination of pitcher Kevin Bubien and catcher Mike O'Connor. Jim Cichetti made an unassisted double play while Matthew McLean covered second base. Outfielders Gary Nardi and Mark Calvanese made excellent throws.

The Look Oil Dodgers pulled ahead of the Agawam Bowl Mets, 17-6, because of the hot bats of Graig Lepper with a home run, and Eric Parkman, with a triple. Rick Henry had two hits, Jason Chechile threw strong from third to get a runner out at first, and Joe Modzlewski did well from the mound.

On May 5, the Soda City Dodgers beat the Police Association Yankees 8-1 because of the strong pitching of John Alves, who relieved Tony Antico after three innings with three strikeouts. David Champagne's bat drove in a run, while Bobby Barthiaume had a double and single. First baseman Bill Malachowski stopped a loaded bases threat in the first, and third baseman Mike Kulik tagged out a potential steal.

The Yankees, according to coach Richie Hill, will have to improve their defense, however, pitchers Kent Porth and Mike Stassin did good jobs and Jeff Hill put in a solid performance behind home plate. Mike Robinson did a great job at second job.

The Buxton Orioles went down in defeat to the Rollaway Red Sox, 10-4. A highlight of the game for the Orioles was a homerun hit by Dave Keeney. Oriole pitcher Kevin O'Connor did well for his first outing, striking out five.

On May 6, a tight game ended between the Lion's Club Dodgers and the Polish Club Indians 2-1. Mike Nicora of the Dodgers made a good catch in the outfield.

Although the Indians were defeated, pitcher Jay Miller put in a good performance allowing only three hits. First baseman Phil Borrello made three terrific defensive plays. The hitting star for the Indians was Tom Cascio, who had two hits and tied the game before the Dodgers pulled ahead.

On May 7th, the Soda City Dodgers again met the Police Association Yankees and won with strong batting power. Catcher Eugene McLean had a double and a single for an RBI; Paul Earnest had a double for an RBI; and starting pitcher John Alves not only retired many Yankees, but also hit well. Singles scoring runs were hit by Tony Antico, Ted Malachowski, and Bobby Barthiaume.

Heads up play on a relay from Chris Albano to Pete Borrello to Mike Robinson cut down a Dodger baserunner. Fine running catches by Bob Bean in the fourth and sixth innings helped keep the Yankees in the game.

Phil Borrello did an excellent job on the mound giving up only four hits which resulted in an Indian win over the Buxton Orioles. Todd Godek put in good coverage of second base while Tim Sunstrom and Matt Rinaldi did the duty behind home plate. Great infield catching came from Jason Ferris, and a circus catch by Darren McDonald saved three runs.

The highlight of the game for the Polish Club Indians came when Todd Godek had a grand slam home run over the outfield fence. He also added three other hits for his trips to the plate.

Agawam Athletic Association

Lori DeSimone led the Agawam Athletic Association's Jay-ce-ettes 8-10 girls softball team to a shutout victory over Feeding Hills Florist with a brilliant no-hit pitching performance.

Lori's efforts included 13 strikeouts and only two walks. Offensively, Tracey Sitek, Kim Galarneau, Tricia Rea, Jennifer D'Amato, as well as Lori DeSimone produced hits for the squad. Sarah Fogg reached based three times in her first game ever.

Defensively, Kim Pelley, Karen Wright, Kim Bishop, and Chris Heyman provided fine fielding for the Jay-ce-ettes.



Sacred Heart Athletic Association

11-12 Boys Division

On May 4, the White Sox edged the A's by the score of 5-4. Steady pitching by Bob Coelln kept the A's intact. Homeruns by Todd Brown and Bobby Altobelli contributed to the winning margin. Three unassisted double plays by first baseman Bobby Altobelli sparked the White Sox defense.

On May 5, the Yankees won over the Royals 5-0. Mickey Lunden came through in high fashion with a one-hitter. He has only given up one hit in two games. Homeruns by Peter Vecchiarelli and Mickey Lunden helped powder the Yankees lineup. Mark Charest pitched a steady game for the Royals.

On May 7, the White Sox beat the Phillies 14-7 with a team effort by the Sox to come from behind 6-0 in the early innings.

On May 8, the A's hit their way over the Yankees 10-3. Paul Poole pitched a good game, and Nicky Carra hit a homerun for the A's. Duane Clark hit a homer for the Yanks.

STANDINGS

Reds	1-0
White Sox	2-1
Red Sox	1-1
A's	1-1
Yankees	2-2
Phillies	1-2
Royals	0-1

13-15 GIRLS SOFTBALL

Lloyd Construction got its first win last Thursday by defeating Rockwell Construction 10-9 in a real thriller.

There were some great defensive plays with Nora Lloyd taking in a pop-up at third, Tracy Rescigno making a diving catch at second, and Debbie Twarog playing a strong first with four good plays. Strong outfielding came from Susie Wilkenson, Karen Briggs, Tina DelBarba, Lisa Ziegert, Lisa DePalma, and Judy Pacewicz.

The battery of Kris Knight and Debbie Ryan did an excellent job, with first-year catcher Debbie calling a good game. Kris used a variety of pitches to keep a hard-hitting Rockwell team off balance.

Gold stars go to Kris Knight, Debbie Ryan (3), Peggy Marquis (2), Nora Lloyd, Tina DelBarba, Susie Wilkenson.

Green stars go to two players for both offense and defense: Kris Knight and Debbie Ryan.

STANDINGS

Lunden Const.	2-0
Kinsley Const.	1-1
Rockwell Const.	1-1
Edward Drug	1-1
Lloyd Const.	1-2

On Sports

BY JOHN DALTON

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